



U. S. Department of Justice

Office of the Associate Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Mr. Attorney General,

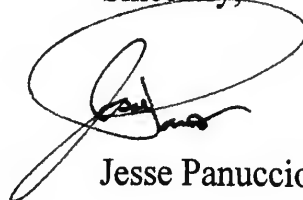
I resign from the position of Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, effective May 3, 2019. It has been an honor to serve at the Department of Justice since February 2017, and to lead the Office of the Associate Attorney General for eighteen months.

In addition to our daily work overseeing the Department's litigating divisions and grant-making components, during the last two years, the Associate's Office has spearheaded the implementation of significant reforms in the Department's regulatory and litigation practices. These reforms have included curtailing the use of sub-regulatory guidance; ending third-party payments in settlements; establishing guidelines for appropriate dismissal of False Claims Act cases; demanding accountability in asbestos trusts; objecting to unfair class-action settlements; and establishing guidelines for, and appropriate supervision of, consent decrees with state and local governments. In addition, this office has fought to preserve free speech on university and college campuses and has helped ensure that we promote and preserve constitutionally protected religious liberties.

The Associate's Office has also helped lead significant enforcement efforts. We have supported the Department's fight against the opioid crisis through the Prescription Interdiction and Litigation Task Force, through which the Department obtained first-of-their-kind civil injunctions under the Controlled Substances Act. We helped successfully conclude seven residential mortgage-backed securities cases for recoveries nearing \$12 billion, and we approved the filing of a lawsuit in the last remaining case. We have supported the Environment and Natural Resources Division's critical work, including its \$500 million settlement with Fiat Chrysler for emissions cheating violations. The Associate's Office has also taken a leadership role in the Department's Task Force on Market Integrity and Consumer Fraud, and I look forward to seeing the results the Task Force will produce in the future.

Throughout my tenure, I have been privileged to labor alongside some of the nation's most talented and dedicated lawyers, law enforcement officers, and public servants. I wish them, and you, well in the Department's continued work on behalf of the people of the United States.

Sincerely,



Jesse Panuccio